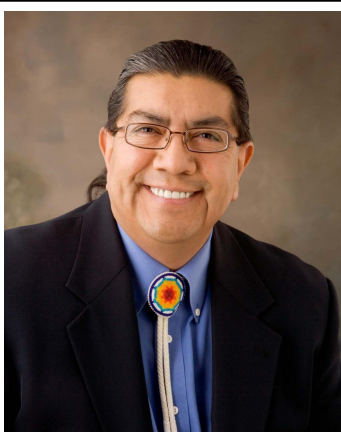


Utah Division of Indian Affairs

Tribal Leaders Newsletter Report

June 8th, 2007



The primary service provided by UDIA is **Information and Referral**.

This includes:

- General information about Utah's American Indians and tribes
- Presentations to various sectors: public, private, schools
- Publication and distribution of information
- Speaker's Bureau
- Web site: www.indian.utah.gov

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Powerpoint

Comments from the Executive Director, Division of Indian Affairs:

Thanks to the kindness and support of many of you and many other friends of our family, we are beginning to heal from the loss of our son, David. Thank you again for all your kindness and support.

I am happy to report that I just returned from a 10-day vacation to Hawaii. I finally took up the offer of a high school residential roommate, who lives on the island of Maui, to come visit him and stay in his cottage. It was great to visit with him and his family. I then proceeded to the Kauai and then to Oahu. At Oahu, I visited the Polynesian Cultural Center. I was very impressed with this center because it featured all seven of the major Pacific island nations. It also provided educational interactive sessions for tourists in which they learned different things about each of the respective nations. I strongly believe we need such a center here in Utah.

Sincerely,

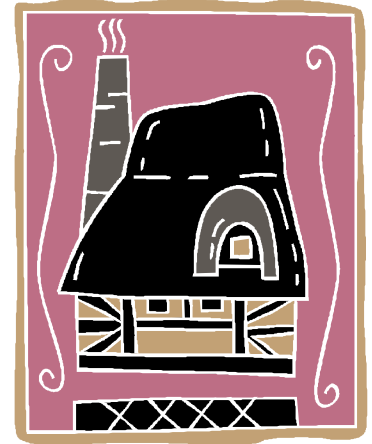
A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Forest A. Cook".

We Shall Remain:

Ken Verdoia and the other members of the KUED planning committee greatly appreciated the enthusiasm and support provided by tribal leaders for this project at the last meeting. This project is moving forward. Mr. Verdoia will be designing a trailer for the Utah series. I am proud to say UDIA is one of the prime sponsors as I provided a donation to get the project rolling.

American Indian Housing Advisory Board Visits the Paiute Tribe

On May 18, 2007 the Housing Board met with the Paiute Tribal Housing Authority in Cedar City to discuss their housing projects and needs. Those of us who attended the housing meeting last month were very impressed with the housing program and services provided. We congratulate the Paiute Tribe for all its accomplishments over the years. Some of their current concerns are: grant writing skills, accounting and bookkeeping requirements hinder small tribes, and ICDBG electronic requirements are very demanding. The Housing board also discussed their movements to become a 501(c)3 and that a best practices section should be added to the strategic plan. .



Human Remains

Partnering with the Division of History, our office is working on finding state land to use for a cemetery for remains that have no cultural affiliation. We are also looking at the beautification of the burial vault and continuing its use as a temporary place for human remains. The next Native American Remains Review meeting will be on June 25, 2007 at our offices at 11:00am. We will be discussing these issues and other important policies at the meeting.

Native American Summit

DATE CHANGE: There has been a date change in the Native American Summit scheduled for this fall. The new dates are : **Tuesday and Wednesday, September 17 & 18, 2007.**

U of U American Indian Resource Center:

As most of you know, University President Michael Young has agreed to provide administrative support for the Indian Resource Center. This commitment is an in-

dication that the University of Utah is serious about improving educational opportunities for American Indian college students. The commitment includes funding for a position and support for operational costs for the center. The University will be advertising for a director for this program in the very near future. We look forward to benefiting from this wonderful service for our students.



Governor Visits NWB Shoshone Tribe - May 8, 2007:

Governor Huntsman expressed his appreciation to the NWB Shoshone Tribe on his visit. He was most impressed with how each of the major departments reported using PowerPoint presentations that were arranged in a similar format. Each presentation included a brief explanation of history, service provided, and problem areas.



Department of Corrections - Letter of Appreciation from Inmate:

Dear Mister Cuch,

I am writing to thank you and the council for your support of the Native Americans out here at the Draper site of U.S.P.

Ruben Martinez keeps us updated on what you and the council are doing and it helps to let us feel we are not alone out here.

I am writing to express my concerns that with the coming on line of the promisory and lone peak talking circles and sweat lodges that Jorge Alvarez's position of spiritual advisor is becoming very thinly distributed. He is a very dedicated and caring brother. He is invaluable to us in everyway. Lives are changed as he teaches us in these ways. Out peace and balance in life is greatly enhanced by his very example to us.

We realize the experience to him personally as he works at U.M.C and takes care of our needs out here.

If it would be possible would you be able to talk to the council on our behalf about finding another who could assist Jorge and receive some of the pressure off his shoulders.

We would appreciate very much in having a drum circle and or a beading/leather working class as well as a history/customs class. If someone could spend an hour a week with us in these endeavors.

Thank you for your time and consideration in these matters.

Please feel free to read this letter to the council if you wish.

Thank you very much for all you do!

Sincerely yours,
Austin B. Summer